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REMARKS

In the Notice to Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant was advised that amendments to the claims were non-compliant because of the descriptive legend used to describe the status of the claim 1. In response to the Notice, the within Response includes a corrected section of the previously provided non-compliant amendment to the claims (i.e., the entire Amendment to Claims section). Applicant respectfully submits that the descriptive legends used therein satisfy the legend criterion of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, and thus entry of the within amendment to the claims is again respectfully requested. It is further noted that except for the changes to the legends the text of the claims otherwise agree with those provided in the previously submitted amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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